NEDH commemorates 75th anniversary

When the Central building was constructed in 1952, it connected to the original Deaconess unit by a corridor. The connection necessitated the removal of this stone relief from the front entrance to the Deaconess building. In the process of lowering the relief to the ground, it broke. The relief commemorates the establishment of the New England Deaconess Home and Training School in 1889. Twelve years later the Home and Training School and the New England Deaconess Hospital reincorporated as the New England Deaconess Association. The affiliation with the association was severed in 1929.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the New England Deaconess Hospital. It is a year of pride and reflection for employees, staff members, corporators and other friends of the hospital.

NEDH is not just a group of buildings, but a hospital that still captivates its patients and employees with a sense of warmth and compassion. Its 500 available patient beds is a sharp contrast to the first Deaconess hospital of 14 beds and its employee population of about 2000 is almost unfathomable when compared to the original staff of eight Methodist Deaconesses in 1896.

The Deaconess Hospital's physical expansion has not deterred it from living by its founding principals of concerned and conscientious patient care. Although the hospital is faced with the possible occurrence of a cold indifferent atmosphere, this fear has never developed into an actual condition. Perhaps the main reason for its continued warmth is that the hospital retains its original hall mark of a home with each of its employees and patients considered part of the family.

Growth in physical size and medical proficiency have meant a location change and an extensive building program for the hospital. A visual look at the history of the Deaconess is included in this issue of **Pulse** for employees, patients and friends who periodically become enraptured with a look back at "those good old days."

When the Deaconess Hospital moved to the Riverway location, people considered the new site to be "out in the country." Pictured at the left is a yard where the new parking facility is under current construction. In the extreme background is the Deaconess building.

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Eight Methodist Deaconesses opened the Deaconess Hospital at 691 Massachusetts Avenue on February 5, 1896. Pictured above, the 14-bed home-hospital was an expansion of the work done by the New England Deaconess Home and Training School at 693 Massachusetts Avenue. In 1907, the hospital moved to its present Riverway site and opened the first 50-bed unit.

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Doctors doings

Dr. Robert F. Bradley Jr., internal medicine, spoke on "Oral Hypoglycemic Agents," July 15, at the University of Pittsburgh and on July 22 at the University of Tennessee. On July 18, Dr. Bradley spoke about "The Diabetic Patient" at the Dartmouth Diabetes Symposium.

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Dr. James A. Gregg, gastroenterology, **Dr. Richard A. Oberfield,** internal medicine, and **Dr. John M. O'Loughlin,** internal medicine, have been elected to active membership in the Massachusetts Society of Internal Medicine.

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Dr. Alexander Marble, internal medicine, was one of three contributors to an article entitled "Twenty Five to 45 years of Diabetes With or Without Vascular Complications," in the December 1970 issue of *Diabetologia*. He also wrote a guest editorial on "Glibenclamide, a New Sulphonylurea: Wither Oral Hypoglycemic Agents" for *Drugs*, a publication of the Australian Drug Information Services.

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Dr. Hugh M. Pyle, hematology and internal medicine, spoke at the all-day symposium in mid-July on the "Patient With Cancer" sponsored by the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Medford, Mass. He lectured on "Leukemia and Lymphocytes" to over 100 registered nurses.

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Dr. John L. Rowbotham, general surgery, was the featured speaker September 23, at the first of two professional education cancer workshops, "Cancer of the Colon and Colostomy Care," at the West Junior High School, Brockton, Mass. The workshops were sponsored by the Greater Brockton Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Meissner elected head of national advisory board

At a summer meeting in Washington, D. C., Dr. William A. Meissner, chairman of the department of pathology, was elected chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of Consultants to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. Dr. Meissner was first appointed to the board as a consultant in 1968.

Located on the premises of the Walter Reed Naval Hospital, the pathology institute is the largest in the world. It consists of 23 consultants, most of them civilians, who represent the various disciplines of pathology and related fields. The institute serves the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration, and civilian pathologists throughout the United States and in many foreign countries as a consultative agency.

"Happiness grows at our firesides, and is not to be picked in stranger's gardens."

Douglas Jerrold

Chapel offers weekly services

Protestant services will be held in the Arthur T. Dooley Memorial Chapel at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, November 7, according to Chaplain Ralph Curtis. Weekly Catholic masses will also commence on November 7 at a time to be announced. Employees, patients, students and associates of the hospital are welcome to attend the religious services.

The housekeeping department experimented with a new method of cleaning curtains during the summer when a truck, containing its own dry-cleaning unit, visited the Deaconess. Owned by Arrow Venetian Blind Company, the self-contained unit cleaned the curtains in the Palmer and Baker buildings. Curtains were never off a floor for more than two hours. Inspecting the curtains before they go into the dry-cleaning machine is Mr. Mel Brenner, sales manager of the company. One of his men feeds curtains into the machine while another hangs clean curtains before they wrinkle.

One phase of construction begins and another nears completion

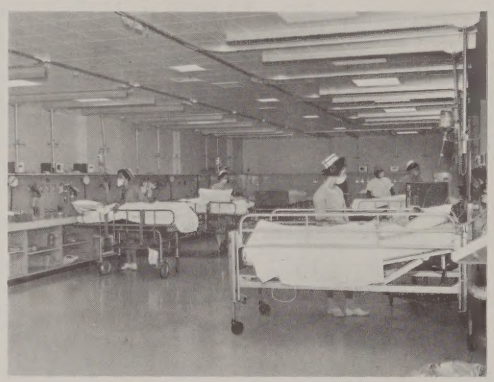
It was a day of long-awaited satisfaction when the Frank A. Briscoe Company hauled away their construction trailer from the Autumn Street site it had occupied during 3-½ years of renovations in and additions to the Deaconess. Before the van was towed away in mid-October temporary field headquarters for the company's personnel were set up in the previous location of the records and benefits division of the hospital's personnel department on Deaconess I.

Central 3 opened as a 36-bed unit in mid-October with a renovated floor plan similar to the new floors in the Central addition. By the end of October, two new admitting offices for the patient service department are scheduled to be ready for occupancy. The spacious waiting room for patients being admitted to the hospital preceded the opening of the additional admitting offices by a month.

The original corridor entrance to the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel opened in early October. Nostalgically known as the "fishbowl" to long-term employees, the glass-enclosed corridor is directly opposite the temporary patient service reception desk.

In early November, the medical record department's expanded and modernized headquarters are expected to open at its new Central 1 location. The department's reoccupancy has been delayed due to non-delivery of some 60 light fixtures and the installation of the required sprinkler system. When the medical record department moves from its temporary headquarters of seven months, renovations will begin on the Deaconess 2 ambulatory services unit.

Excavation is complete and cement pouring has begun for the foundation of the seven-level garage being consrtucted on the site of the former open-air parking lot adjacent to the laundry building.



A modernized and expanded recovery room opened September 20 on Central 4. The renovated facility has a 24-bed capacity in comparison to the 12-bed capacity of the former room. Not shown in the picture are three critical isolation recovery rooms.

Offices for Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive vice president, moved to the fifth floor of 110 Francis Street after the NEDH Maintenance and Engineering Department renovated three hotel rooms to accommodate the additional members of his staff. Across the hall from the executive offices, the public relations department also had its office space expanded by the engineering and maintenance department in late August.

Several renovations are now completed on Deaconess 3. On the south end of the floor, the social service department has moved into six new offices. These lend the privacy needed by the department but which was less available at its Baker 1 location.

After the coronary care unit moved from Deaconess 3 to Central 6 in June, the EEG laboratory temporarily moved into a portion of the vacated coronary care unit. After the EEG laboratory moves to its new quarters, bed-patients can be wheeled directly into the enlarged facility. The equipment and EEG Technician William Nichols can be separated from the patient by a window wall. The new GU service room on Deaconess 3 is expected to open about the same time that the EEG laboratory moves.

Mrs. Lillian Macauley, retiree, holds the topiary given her by Mrs. Irma Kellner, director of volunteers, in behalf of her friends.

Two ladies retire at end of September

Six months short of serving the Deaconess for a quarter century, **Mrs. Leona Glawson,** L.P.N., retired from the nursing service department, September 22. Mrs. Glawson began her work at NEDH on Palmer 4 and in 24½ years has worked, at some point, on every nursing floor in the Deaconess, except for the hospital teaching unit. During the past five years, she worked a permanent night shift.

Friends and colleagues gathered at a coffee hour, September 22 at 9:00 a.m., in Harris Hall's second floor apartment. Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing, and Mr. Richard E. Lee, director, respectively presented Mrs. Glawson with pearl earrings from friends and a pearl bracelet from the hospital family.

Mrs. Leona Glawson, retiree from the nursing service department, looks pleased with the match of her ring and the pearl bracelet held by Miss Ellen D. Howland, director of nursing.

A licensed practical nurse, Mrs. Glawson trained at Florence Crittenton, Brighton, and received her diploma in 1926. She worked in area nursing homes and specialed patients before coming to the Deaconess in 1947.

Knitting, gardening and collecting knic-knacks are Mrs. Glawson's favorite hobbies. Little shoes, milk pitchers and Hummelware are smattered in with a collection of assorted antique pieces collected by this lady.

At 2:00 p.m., September 24, many friends, relatives and employees converged on Harris Hall for a farewell tea given in honor of **Mrs. Lillian Macauley,** weekend coffee shop manager. Miss Ellen Adams, assistant director, presented Mrs. Macauley with a gold circle pin in behalf of the hospital, and Mrs. Irma Kellner, director of volunteers, gave her a tree decorated with money donated by friends. The tree was made by Miss Vera Russell, recreation director at the NEDH School of Nursing.

Mrs. Macauley began working at the Deaconess in November 1957. She came to NEDH at the suggestion of Mrs. Shields Warren, charter member of the Friends of the Deaconess. At that time, Mrs. Warren was a customer of Mrs. Macauley's at a Newton Center bakery that she managed.

A native New Englander, Mrs. Macauley was born in Everett, Mass., attended schools in Chelsea and has lived in Brookline for 17 years. Her husband, Thomas, died 31 years ago after 19 years of marriage.

Three daughters and nine grandchildren, ranging in age from eight to 28 years, will undoubtedly continue to claim most of Mrs. Macauley's time now that she is retired. Knitting and crocheting afghans, vests and hats are Mrs. Macauley's most relaxing pastimes and she hopes to spend more time in pursuit of these hobbies.

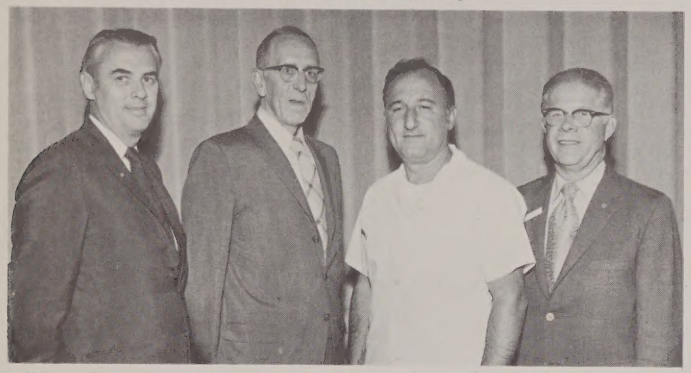
Nursing school alumnae and employees note

The annual Christmas bazaar is scheduled for Friday, December 3, in Central lobby and again this year the NEDH Alumnae Association will sponsor the candy table. Miss Phyllis Giardini, head nurse on Central 3, from the alumnae association is in charge of the table and will welcome contributions in the form of various types of candies and/or financial donations. The nursing department will be in charge of the white elephant table and Miss Vera Russell, recreation director of the school at Harris Hall, will welcome donations in this department!

September luncheon honors 25 employees

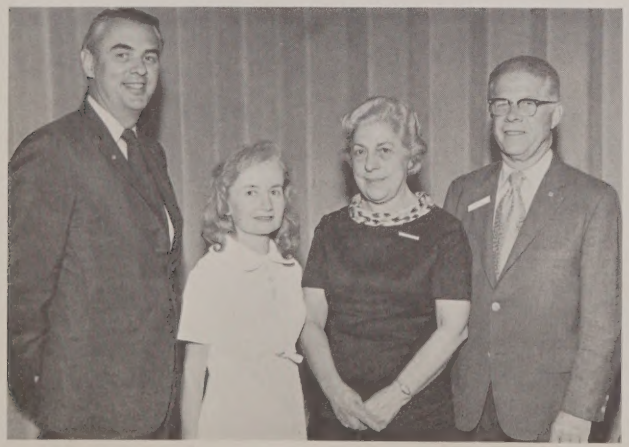
Over 50 employees, including 25 who were to receive service award pins, gathered at the Riverview Restaurant, September 13, for a buffet luncheon. Before the presentation of pins by Mr. Richard E. Lee, director, and Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive vice president, a brief talk was delivered by Mr. Lowry. He spoke about projected building projects at the Deaconess, about the seeming inevitability of some form of national health insurance, and about the uniqueness of solidarity amongst Deaconess employees. The executive officer thanked the award recipients for their long-term service to the hospital and praised them for helping to perpetuate the "Deaconess way" — a way of friendliness and warmth.

Presenting Miss Lois M. Thomas, nursing service, with her 25-year service award pin are Director Lee and Executive Vice President Lowry.



Mr. Lee, director, and Mr. Lowry, executive vice president, pose for a picture with Mr. Alfred E. Merritt, dietary; and Mr. Frank S. Bettinelli, anatomic pathology; after presenting the two employees with their 20-year service award pins.

Recipients of their five-year service pins are flanked by Mr. Richard E. Lee, director, and Mr. R. D. Lowry, executive vice president. They are (sitting l.-r.) Mrs. Rose C. Brown, administrative services; Mrs. Irene L. Dwelley, administrative services; Mrs. Bertha MacDuffie, administrative services; Miss Bertha Tompkins, coffee shop; (standing l.-r.) Mr. Lee; Mrs. Ruth A. Zeller, nursing service; Miss Charlotte Donaldson, dietary; Mr. Duncan C. Preston, maintenance, and Mr. Lowry.



Fifteen-year service pin award recipients, Miss Marie I. Dumont, clinical pathology; and Mrs. Potula Marines, nursing service; pose for a picture with Mr. Lee and Mr. Lowry.

Ten-year award pin recipients at the September 23 luncheon are: (sitting l.-r.) Mrs. Edith V. Harmon, nursing service; Mrs. Barbara Martin, clinical pathology; Mrs. Colleen B. McBride, blood bank; Mrs. Jeanne B. Scammel, anatomic pathology; (standing l.-r.) Mr. Lee; Mr. David F. Lilly, systems and planning; Mrs. Serena E. Perry, housekeeping; Mrs. Estell S. Greenlaw, housekeeping, and Mr. Lowry.

Five year pin recipients pose after the September 23 luncheon. They are: (sitting l.-r.) Mrs. Irene M. Jackson, nursing service; Mrs. Shirlene Sapp, nursing service; Miss Jacquelin A. Kennedy, nursing service; Miss Peggy Salomon, nursing service; (standing l.-r.) Mr. Lee; Miss Virginia Randall, NEDH School of Nursing; Mr. Wilfred A. Pigeon, nursing service, and Mr. Lowry.

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The William Nast Brodbeck Cottage was the Deaconess Hospital's first diabetic unit and the site where the first insulin in New England was administered on August 7, 1922. A plaque commemorating this historic event is located next to the main entrance of the maintenance and engineering building which replaced the cottage in 1959.

Hospital solaria have undergone many changes during the 75 years of Deaconess history.

The Palmer Memorial Hospital originated at 560 Blue Hill Avenue in 1919. A new structure was built at 195 Pilgrim Road and, in April 1927, patients and staff members transferred to the new facility. During the last 45 years, the Palmer building has undergone extensive renovations in order to provide more beds and laboratory space. The main foyer is shown above as it looked structurally before the 1960's.

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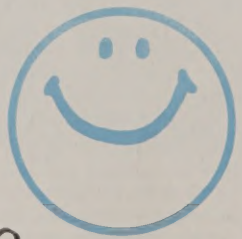

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